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### MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Kentucky Mining Industry

**FROM:** Johnny Greene

**DATE:** March 16, 2009

**RE:** OMSL Mine Rescue Services

The Office of Mine Safety and Licensing has proudly served as MSHA signature teams for most of Kentucky's licensed underground mining operations for many years. Unfortunately, due to a recent court decision on February 10<sup>th</sup> 2009, which increased the MSHA mine rescue requirements, it will no longer be physically possible for OMSL to provide this service for the mining community. MSHA is aware of the unique situation in Kentucky. I am sure MSHA will grant the Kentucky mining industry adequate time to make the transition and find MSHA signature mine rescue teams to meet the needs of the industry. OMSL mine rescue teams will continue to train and maintain a constant state of readiness to respond should Kentucky coal miners need them.